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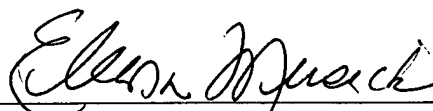
In the application, claims 39-64 are pending. Claims 39-45, 49 and 53-64 are rejected; claims 46-48, 51 and 52 are objected to. The Examiner's comments have been considered and the claims have been amended as set forth above to address issues identified in the Office Action of November 3, 2005. Applicants now request reconsideration of the application as amended.

The Examiner indicates that claims 46-48 and 51-52 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has amended base claim 39 to incorporate the limitations of claims 51. Claims 50 and 51 have been canceled. As a result of this amendment, it is submitted that the base claim as amended are allowable over the prior art and, therefore, that all claims depending from the base claims are also allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the prior art rejections and issue a notice of allowance for all claims now pending in the application.

Should the Examiner believe that handling of this application could be expedited by further discussion, he is kindly requested to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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